

in my garden here, and in other gardens of this neighbourhood, remains green when ripe, and generally decays before the end of *January*; and, if the soil and season be not favourable, it is watery and insipid. The form of the spurious variety, as DU HAMEL has remarked, is less long, and subject to much more variation than that of the true variety. The true *St. Germain* remains in perfection till the latter end of *March*, and may be easily preserved until *April*, and is amongst the very best of Winter Pears.”  
—Hort. Trans. Vol. I. p. 226.